

UNHINDERED

SURRENDER (Nehemiah 1:1-2:10)

Redeemer Bible Church

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Author: Ezra & Nehemiah – Date: c. 425 BC – Readers: Faithful Jewish Remnant – Point: God Rebuilds Jerusalem's Walls & His People

1. Surrender _____ (1:1-4)

2. Surrender _____ (1:5-2:3)

3. Surrender _____ (2:4-10)

Our goal every weekend is that you (1) understand the Bible better, (2) get some ideas about how to live your life in light of the Bible, and (3) stand in greater awe of Jesus.

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Growth Questions

These questions are to help you apply each week's message to your life and to help others do the same. If you need help for any reason, email us at info@redeemeraz.org.

1. Can you sense God's burden for Redeemer in providing us with a new home? What does God doing that say about His will for us?
2. Why do you think God has us wait over five and a half years to give us a new home?
3. Nehemiah gave up the palace. What is in your palace now that you may not be totally willing to give up to do God's will?

Main Books Used for Research

Boice, *Nehemiah: An Expositional Commentary*
Brown, *The Message of Nehemiah*
Carson, et al., *New Bible Commentary*
Davis, *Ezra & Nehemiah*
Getz, *Nehemiah*
Goldberg, *Nehemiah*
Ironside, *Notes on the Book of Nehemiah*
Kidner, *Commentary on Nehemiah*
Laney, *Ezra/Nehemiah*
O'Neil, *Nehemiah*
Thomas, *Nehemiah: The Man of Prayer*
Wiersbe, *Be Determined*
Yamauchi, *Nehemiah*

What is UNHINDERED All About?

Redeemer exists to help as many people as possible know, love, and serve Jesus Christ. That's what we're all about, and that's why we can't stay where we are now. For five and a half years, we've watched God do more here than we can hold. Five services every weekend. A parking lot that fills before people finish arriving. Guests who came looking for a church home but drove away because we didn't have room for them. That's what's been hindering us. So, we're going to do something about it.

UNHINDERED is how we're going to make room for everyone God has been entrusting to us. Over the next two years, we're going to keep everything going that we're already doing, and more, as well as build our new home on Val Vista and Baseline.

We will be **UNHINDERED** in helping more people know, love, and serve Jesus. We will be **UNHINDERED** in loving our Valley. We will help people hindered by sin become **UNHINDERED** through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

UNHINDERED has two parts. Both matter. Neither part works without the other.

The GIVING Goal: \$30,000,000 – We are trusting God to move in us to raise \$30m over these next 2 years to accomplish:

1. CURRENT MINISTRY // \$16,000,000 – Everything we already do as a church has to keep going, and it has to grow. We can't slow down all the ministries we're doing now just because we're building a new church home.

2. FUTURE MINISTRY // \$14,000,000 – God gave us a new home. What used to be a grocery store is going to become a place where Jesus is worshipped, the Bible is preached, kids grow up in the truth, and our neighbors hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The PRIMARY Goal: 100% ENGAGEMENT

"Everyone" is a keyword for us in this. Everyone growing spiritually. Everyone serving in a ministry. Everyone giving. Everyone **UNHINDERED**. That means the primary goal is 100% of us involved. We're at our best as a church when everyone is engaged in the mission God has given each of us. As we make our commitments to **UNHINDERED**, we won't just see others' lives changed. We'll see our own lives changed. When God's people trust Him with their money, He changes them too.

Redeemer, God answered our prayers for a new home so "Let us rise up and build" (Neh 2:18). Together. **UNHINDERED**.

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